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URBAN DISTRICT OF FLEET



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Sanitary Inspector

for 1952

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health :

W. C. D. WALMSLEY, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

F. E. SMALE, C.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1952

Area : 3,694 acres.

Population : 8940 (estimated mid-year 1952)—(Census 1951—9018)

Number of inhabited houses : 2,555.

Sum represented by penny rate : £318.

Rateable value : £79,097.

General rate : £1/0/6 in the £.

Birth rate : 12.4 (crude) : 12.6 (standardised).

Death rate : 14.4 (crude) : 10.9 (standardised).

Infantile death rate per 1,000 births : 27.0.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis : 1.

Deaths from other Tuberculous Diseases : Nil.

Tuberculosis death rate : Pulmonary—0.11 : Non-Pulmonary—Nil.

The Medical Officer of Health's Report for 1952

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Fleet Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1952, which is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 2/53, as in previous years.

It is noticeable from the monthly reports to the Health Committee that usually deaths exceed births, the loss being made good by immigration. Fleet thus emphasizing its reputation as a place to which people retire.

There were 131 more sunshine hours in 1952 than 1951.

Deaths from Coronary Disease were 24, which is about the average yearly figure.

No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

Generally 1952 was a quiet year.

Constantly we are receiving complaints of overcrowding and inadequate housing and it is quite evident that this problem of housing is by no means conquered as yet.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births—		Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	...	111	55	56
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—
Birth rate (per 1,000 population) = 12.4.				

Still Births—				
Legitimate	...	2	1	1
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—
Rate (per 1,000 total births) = Leg.: 17.5. Illeg.: 8.8.				

Deaths—		Total	Male	Female
		129	64	65
Rate (per 1,000 population) = 14.4.				

Deaths from Puerperal causes: Nil.

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate	...	...	27.0
Illegitimate	...	...	Nil

Deaths from Cancer: 15.

Deaths from Measles: Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough: Nil.

Deaths from Infantile Paralysis: Nil.

BIRTH RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Birth Rate
	No. of Births	Birth Rate	
1948	154	18.2	17.9
1949	139	16.4	16.7
1950	146	12.8	15.8
1951	143	15.7	15.5
1952	111	12.4	15.3

DEATH RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Death Rate
	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	
1948	99	11.7	10.8
1949	105	12.4	11.7
1950	135	11.9	11.6
1951	125	13.7	12.5
1952	129	10.9	11.3

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT			England & Wales Rate per 1,000 Births.
	Births	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 births	
1948	154	3	19.4	34
1949	139	2	14.3	32
1950	146	4	27.3	29.8
1951	143	—	—	29.6
1952	111	3	27.0	27.6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1952

					M.	F.
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	1
Tuberculosis—respiratory	...	...	...	—	1
Cancer—stomach	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer—lung, bronchus	...	...	...	3	—
Cancer—breast	...	...	...	—	1
Cancer—other	...	...	...	6	4
Diabetes	...	...	...	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system		...	..	14	14
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	..	15	9
Other heart diseases	...	...	...	5	15
Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	4	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	5	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	6	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	2	—
Other defined and ill defined diseases		...	...	2	7
All other accidents	...	...	...	—	2
Suicide	...	...	...	—	1
			Total	...	<u>64</u> <u>65</u>	
Deaths of infants under 1 year	...		Total—3	—	3	
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age			Total—2	—	2	

VITAL STATISTICS

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1952. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	Fleet
BIRTHS: (Rates per 1,000 Home population) :		
Live Births	15.3	12.6
Still Births	0.35	0.33
DEATHS:		
All Causes	11.3	10.9
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.24	0.11
Influenza	0.04	0.00
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia	0.47	0.89
Notifications (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Para-typhoid Fever	0.02	0.00
Meningococcal infection	0.03	0.00
Scarlet Fever	1.53	1.12
Whooping Cough	2.61	1.45
Diphtheria	0.01	0.00
Erysipelas	0.14	0.22
Smallpox	0.09	0.00
Measles	8.86	1.34
Pneumonia	0.72	4.92
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)		
Paralytic	0.06	0.00
Non-Paralytic	0.03	0.00
Food Poisoning	0.13	0.00
DEATHS: (Rates per 1,000 Live Births)		
All causes under 1 year of age	27.6	27.0
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1.1	0.00

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

There are District Nurses, (Miss MacMonigall and Miss Phillips), who are qualified midwives, and since the 5th July, 1948, have been under the jurisdiction of the Hampshire County Council.

There is also a Home-help service in operation, and this is administered by a County Council Organiser with Headquarters at Farnborough. Home-helps in Fleet, Hook, Farnborough and Aldershot, are on call for full or part-time service in the area, and the local practitioners, as well as the District Nurses, co-operate in the scheme, which is working well.

During 1952, 57 families in the district received domestic aid from the service. 3—post operations ; 14—maternity ; 2—child welfare ; 29—general sickness ; 9—aged and infirm).

This area, for general hospital purposes, comes under the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet and District Hospital contains 33 beds, (9 male, 14 female, 6 children's and 4 private wards), and provides general medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate children's ward. There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend at the hospital.

Cases of Infectious Diseases are treated at Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital. The newly constituted ambulance service provides for removal of patients to hospital through the local depots at Aldershot and Farnborough.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Mental Deficiency, Maternity and Child Welfare, Orthopaedic Services, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children, and the Tuberculosis Service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the Manor Park House, Aldershot, and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board as is the treatment part of the Tuberculosis Service.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, (telephone 3807), and the Director is Dr. R. D. Mackenzie. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water, etc., are carried out at the Borough Analyst's Laboratory, Southampton, by arrangement with the Southampton County Borough Council.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

Diphtheria Immunisation :

Fleet : Clinics are held at the schools as required.

Venereal Diseases:

Women : Held every Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Men : Held every Monday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Tuberculosis Clinic:

Held every Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Child Welfare :

The first and third Thursdays in every month at the Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

Ante Natal:

The second and fourth Fridays in every month at the Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

The County Council Health Visitor and School Nurse is Miss B. B. Harrington, H.V., S.R.N., S.C.M., and for the Crookham Ward, Miss E. Simpson, H.V., S.R.N., S.C.M.

Outside the District but serving the area, Orthopaedic Clinics for school children and infants are held at Farnborough and Aldershot, on alternate first Tuesdays in every month, and School Eye Clinics are held by the County Council at Aldershot as required.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor if they wish, and prophylaxis is provided free on demand to the Doctor. Clinics held at the Schools would appear to be more successful in getting school children immunised and also for giving "booster" doses. Children under school age can still be immunised at the fortnightly child welfare clinic.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There were 82 notifications of infectious diseases during the year, compared with 229 in 1951. Pneumonia accounted for 44 notifications but measles and whooping cough, showed a marked decline, 25 against 177 for 1951. There were no cases of infantile paralysis and once again no cases of diphtheria. One case of cerebro-spinal fever occurred in a girl aged 2, but the child died in hospital.

Comparative Tables

Disease	1951	1952
Scarlet Fever	5	10
Pneumonia	44	44
Measles	114	12
Whooping Cough	63	13
Erysipelas	2	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	—	1

There were 7 admissions to hospital (5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 Cerebro-spinal fever (death) and 1 Gastro-enteritis).

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed the course of immunisation during 1952 was 124 (117 under 5 years of age and 7 aged 5—14 years). 89 children were given “booster” doses.

A check was carried out in the Infants Departments of the two Junior Schools in the district as a result of which 54 children between the ages of 5 and 7 were given “booster” doses.

The private practitioners continued to co-operate in doing immunisations where parents desire it.

It has been estimated that 75% of the child population (under 15) have been immunised at some time or another.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during the year was 10 pulmonary as against 7 pulmonary in 1951. Of the pulmonary cases, two were transfers from other districts.

Comparative Tables of New Cases and Deaths

Year	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY
1948	10	1	2	1
1949	6	1	—	—
1950	6	—	2	1
1951	7	—	2	2
1952	10	—	1	—

Venereal Diseases.

No cases of Venereal Diseases were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

Infestation.

No cases of nits or scabies were reported to the Department.

Disinfection.

12 rooms were disinfected after notifiable diseases or on request.

Climate and Meteorology.

Although no figures for Fleet itself as regards rainfall and sunshine are available, by kind permission of the Director and Meteorological Officer of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, I have set out the figures relating to the rainfall and sunshine of the Farnborough District. It is not suggested that these figures are strictly applicable to Fleet but I think it may be presumed that they are sufficiently accurate to be a guide. The figures are as follows:

Month	Rainfall (m.m.)	Sunshine (hours)
January	50.4	85.3
February	17.6	84.0
March	62.3	93.7
April	39.0	162.0
May	60.8	209.7
June	35.4	241.4
July	18.4	200.3
August	65.7	176.9
September	87.7	128.6
October	90.8	88.8
November	84.2	55.0
December	71.1	55.4
Total	<u>683.4</u>	<u>1581.1</u>

The total rainfall is equivalent to 26.8 inches.

I wish to thank Mr. Smale for his loyalty and constant help in all matters of the Department and also Miss Hall, the clerk in the Department, who throughout the year has worked willingly and well.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. WALMSLEY

July, 1953.

Medical Officer of Health

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1952

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1952 and my sixth as your Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:—

“(1) Water is supplied for the whole area by the Mid-Wessex Water Company and is obtained from wells in the chalk at Itchel and Greywell.

An adequate supply for all purposes without restriction was maintained throughout the year.

(2) Samples of water were taken regularly and frequently by the Company before and after treatment at the works, and in supply. They were examined chemically and bacteriologically by their resident Chemists and Bacteriologists and in addition samples were submitted to an independent specialist for report at regular intervals.

The reports during the year on all samples of treated water at the works and in supply have shown a consistently high standard of organic and bacterial purity.

Precautionary chlorination treatment is applied continuously at all sources.

(3) The water distributed in this area is a normal chalk derived water and has no plumbo-solvent action.

(4) No action was necessary, so far as the Company was concerned, to deal with any form of contamination.”

Water Sampling.

(a) Public Main Supply.

The four quarterly samples of the Mid-Wessex Water Company's main supply were taken from different parts of the district, and all were reported satisfactory. The hardness figures for the four samples were 10.4 degrees (Clarke's Scale), 10.3, 13.5 and 13.0

(b) Swimming Pool.

There is one open-air swimming pool in the district and the water supply is treated by filtration, chlorination and aeration. The pool was maintained in a satisfactory condition during the season.

(c) Sewage Works Effluent

The Military Authorities continued to take monthly samples of the effluent from the Military Disposal Works at Crookham and results of the analysis were received by the Department. They were reported satisfactory.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

I am indebted to your Surveyor, Mr. J. D. Chivers, for the following report:—

“The sewage works and sewerage installations have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Tenders were obtained for the construction of 12 concrete sludge drying beds at the disposal works and the Council accepted the tender of Messrs. Bridgwater Bros. of Epsom.

The work was commenced in August and good progress has been made. The concrete formation of six beds was completed also excavation with concrete floors, and foundations constructed of the remaining six beds.

Very good progress has been maintained by the contractor on the main drainage extension in Crookham (part 1).

The following work was completed by December, 1952—4,170 yards of main sewers with manholes, etc., and the whole of the rising main from the pumping station in Hitches Lane to Elvetham Road. The Pumping Station super structure was completed and ready for the installation of the pumping machinery.”

Public Cleansing.

Tipping was still in progress on the Farnham Road site, efforts to find an alternative site having failed.

Regular weekly collection of refuse and salvage was maintained throughout the district and the following table shows the income from sales of salvage since 1946.

Year	Total Sales	Average Monthly Sales
1946	£834/11/5	£69/11/0
1947	£871/9/6	£72/12/5
1948	£914/18/2	£76/18/2
1949	£745/0/0	£62/1/7
1950	£530/0/0	£44/3/3
1951	£1462/0/0	£121/17/5
1952	£1036/2/7	£86/7/0

The income from salvage was lower than the previous year chiefly due to the prices of paper falling towards the end of the year. A total of 79½ tons of paper was collected giving a monthly average of 6 tons 12 cwt.

HOUSING

Great difficulty continues to be experienced in getting repairs done under notices from the Department. This is partly due to financial difficulties of small property owners and also to labour shortage due to the fact that available labour has been attracted to the more congenial type of work of new house building. Another factor affecting the labour situation is the proximity of the R.A.E. and the N.G.T.E. which also attract some of the available labour.

Details of inspections made and notices served will be found in succeeding paragraphs.

Housing Act, 1936.

There was no change in the conditions regarding the dwelling-houses represented under Section 11 of the Act in 1948 and 1949.

During 1952, two further houses were in process of being dealt with as Individual Unfit Houses under Section 11. The owner made no objection to the making of demolition orders and it was expected that the houses would be vacated early in 1953.

Details of housing inspections, notices served, etc., will be found in a succeeding paragraph.

Housing Building Progress.

Your Surveyor (Mr. J. D. Chivers) has kindly supplied the following report:—

“The following houses were completed during the year.

Council Housing—Permanent Houses.

Scheme No. 13—Coxheath—Messrs. Olivers	...	16
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Houses under Construction.

Scheme No. 15—Coxheath—Messrs. Olivers	...	4
Scheme No. 14—Coxheath—Messrs. Green	...	16
Scheme No. 15—Coxheath—Messrs. Olivers	...	10
Total under construction		<u>30</u>

Total Number of Post War Houses erected in district.

Council Houses	...	...	...	126
Private Enterprise	...	...	...	53

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. F. C. London) for the following report:—

“During the year ending December, 1952, 18 families were housed in permanent accommodation, and 10 families were transferred to more adequate or more suitable houses.

27 new applications were received and the total number remaining on the waiting list at December 31st was 149.

Towards the end of the year arrangements were made for the early return of one requisitioned property to the owner.”

Caravans.

The caravan site in private ownership at Crookham and licensed last year has been maintained in a very satisfactory condition. Site works have been completed.

There were 13 caravans on the site at the end of the year.

The policy of the Council with regard to individual sites for caravans is based on that of the County Planning Committee and licences are only granted in respect of sites on which it is the intention of the owners to build houses when building licences are issued.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continued to participate in the work of the North East Hants Workable Area Committee for Rodent Control and quarterly meetings were held in the four districts represented on the Committee.

Locally, a free service to both business and private premises continued to be given during the year.

The annual test baiting of the sewers, in a different part of the district from that surveyed last year, revealed no sign of infestation.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below :—

				Rats	Mice
Complaints of infestation received	...	...	...	226	44
Visits of Inspection	...	...	...	226	44
Visits for baiting and extermination	...	...	...	1509	186
Premises cleared of infestation	...	...	...	226	44
Bodies recovered	...	...	...	256	204
Estimated kill	...	...	...	1304	268

Pest destruction

Complaints of mosquito nuisance in the vicinity of Fleet Pond continued to be received. The Pond was sprayed several times by the Military and a survey was to be carried out by them to ascertain the extent of breeding in the Pond itself. As an additional preventive the road gullies in the vicinity of the Pond were sprayed on several occasions by the Department and the treatment of several small ponds and ditches near the Pond was carried out.

Five houses were treated for cockroaches and one for ants.

SHOPS

The County Council are responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing and other provisions of the Shops Acts, except for the sanitary provisions contained in Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950, which is administered by the Local Sanitary Authority. The provisions of the latter section are carried out.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

During the year 3 dwelling-houses with pail closets were provided with cesspools and 3 such dwelling-houses were connected to the sewer. One dwelling-house with cesspool drainage was connected to the sewer whilst 4 new houses were provided with cesspools. Eighteen new houses were connected to the sewer.

Crookham Sewerage Extension Scheme.

The construction of the new trunk sewer was nearing completion at the end of the year. This will enable some thirty houses in the Coxheath and Gally Hill Road areas to be connected to the sewer and the existing cesspools or septic tanks abolished.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There are two producers of milk situated within the Urban District one of whom produces Tuberculin tested milk which is sold wholesale to a dairy in another district, and the other produces ungraded milk.

There are 4 retailers, one of whom has registered premises in an adjoining district. 106 inspections of dairies were carried out during the year and informal action only was necessary to secure compliance with the statutes.

25 samples of milk were taken for adulteration and none were found to be adulterated. Details of all samples, including milk, taken for adulteration, will be found in a later paragraph.

Sampling

A total of 50 samples were taken with the following results :

Designation	No. of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	41	40	—	40	—
Tuberculin Tested ... (pasteurised)	9	8	—	8	—
Totals ...	50	48	—	48	—

The results show that last year's excellent figures have been maintained. The number of samples submitted includes 2 samples (1 pasteurised and 1 T.T. pasteurised) which were not tested due to inadvertence at the Laboratory.

Of 12 bottled samples (all pasteurised), eight were from the three schools in the area. All passed the prescribed tests.

No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused diseases in human beings.

Designated Milk.

The following licences were in force at the end of the year.

Pasteurised (including	}	1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's (and
Tuberculin Tested pasteurised		4 Dealer's
Sterilised	...	1 Dealer's

The one pasteurising establishment in the area is licensed by the Local Authority on behalf of the County Council.

Ice Cream

Thirty one premises are registered for the retail sale of ice cream under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938. One cafe also manufactures and retails ice cream from specially adapted and seperate premises. 29 inspections of all premises were carried out and no contraventions of the above statute nor of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 were found. In all but 3 of the premises registered for the sale of ice cream, only a pre-packed article is sold.

A total of 13 samples of ice cream were taken for bacteriological examination with the following results :

Type of Sample	Provisional Grading				Totals
	1	2	3	4	
Loose	4	...	2	...	6
Wrapped	5	2	...	...	7
Totals	9	2	2	...	13

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The meat supply of the district continues to be distributed through the Farnborough and Aldershot slaughterhouses. The transport and handling of carcasses during delivery from the slaughterhouse to butchers still leaves much to be desired.

During the year 917 inspections of all types of food premises were made and details of the number of visits to the different classes of premises are given in a subsequent table. The food premises generally were maintained in a cleanly condition and no resort to statutory action was found necessary to secure remedying of the few contraventions found.

There are nine premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the preparation of preserved, etc., food.

Byelaws.

In 1950 the Council made Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Every food establishment was supplied with a copy of the byelaws and no statutory action was necessary to ensure compliance with them.

The following articles of food were surrendered and destroyed as being unfit for human food :—

Meat (carcase) and offal	99½ lbs.	Eggs	...	...	67
Meat (canned)	...	49 lbs.	Cheese ..	...	5 lbs.
Ham (canned)	...	43½ lbs.	Figs	...	30 lbs.
Pork (canned)	...	3 lbs.	Raspberries	...	12 (pkts.)
Pork (packets)	...	6	Ice cream	...	18 (ctns.)
Bacon	...	9 lbs.	Tinned food (var.)	397	(tins)
Fish	...	13½ stns.			

Food poisoning.

There were no outbreaks or cases of food poisoning reported in the district during the year.

(c) Adulteration, etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. C. O. Perry, Chief Inspector, for the following report :—

The following is a list of the samples taken within the Fleet Urban District during the year.

Article	No. of Samples Taken	
	Genuine	Unsatisfactory
Butter and other Fats	1	—
Drugs	1	—
Milk	26	—
Sausages and other Meat Products	2	—
Spirits	2	—
Other Foods	2	—
Totals	34	—

The 26 milk samples contained an average of 3.96% Milk Fat and 8.88% Non-Fatty solids.

GENERAL SANITARY INSPECTION WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table.

Premises Inspected				No. of Inspections
<i>Re</i> Water Supply	...	...	...	12
Drainage	...	...	...	344
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	7
Factories...	...	...	...	80
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	38
Refuse collection (dustbins) and disposal	...	...	...	12
Rats and Mice destruction	...	...	...	19
Shops (re Shops Acts)	...	...	...	—
Schools	...	...	...	8
Swimming pools	...	...	...	4
Pest extermination	...	...	...	19
Keeping of animals	...	...	...	8
Infectious diseases	...	...	...	28
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	...	...	...	36
Miscellaneous other visits	...	...	...	11

Meat and Food Inspection

Butchers shops	...	...	...	197
Fishmongers and fishfriers	...	...	...	140
Grocers	...	...	...	81
Greengrocers	...	...	...	19
Dairies	...	...	...	106
Bakehouses	...	...	...	87
Confectioners	...	...	...	15
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	29
Food preparing premises	...	...	...	124
Cafes and canteens	...	...	...	148
Licensed premises	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous milk visits	...	...	...	30
Miscellaneous food visits	...	...	...	17

Dwelling-houses.

Under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	41
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	198
Under Housing Acts	...	...	...	3
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	...	...	...	18
Re: overcrowding	...	...	...	3
Re-visits re: overcrowding	1
Miscellaneous housing visits	16

Total	1906
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Drainage.

Alterations, additions and repairs	60
Drain stoppages cleared	90
Drain tests (water and smoke)	...	...	142
Cesspools emptied	...	...	221
Cesspools (loads)	...	...	242

The Rodent Operator also carries out the work of unstopping drains, on request, at a charge to the occupier of 2/- per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of Public Health Nuisances.

Cesspools are emptied at a cost to the occupier of £1/0/0 per load of 750 gallons. The work is carried out under contract to the Council by a private contractor (The Hampshire Cleansing Service). This arrangement works well.

Complaints.

Housing defects	...	...	14
Rodent infestation	...	...	210
Drainage (general)	...	...	5
Drainage (obstructed drains)	..	...	107
Pests (general)	...	...	18
Disinfections	...	...	2
Public Health nuisances (general)	...	...	14
Total			<u>370</u>

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

1. **INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	6	5
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	42	75
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	...	...
TOTAL ...	48	80

2.—Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found	
	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	7	7
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Insufficient	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1
Total ...	8	8

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Form of Notice	Number Served	Premises	Defects
Informal :			
(a) Sanitary Defects	29	32	173
(b) Others ...	—	—	—
Total	29	32	173
Statutory :			
(a) Sanitary Defects	1	2	4
(b) Others ...	—	—	—
Total	1	2	4

In conclusion I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the the Health Committee my appreciation of their support and to your Medical Officer of Health Dr. Walmsley. I also express to your Clerk and Surveyor, my thanks for their continued co-operation during the year.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. E. SMALE

Sanitary Inspector

July, 1953.

